



# Maryland

## Weekly Crop and Weather Report

MD-CW0405

April 25, 2005

### WARM, DRY CONDITIONS ADVANCE PLANTING ACTIVITIES

Warm weather has advanced the planting season and spurred small grain growth. Planting of Maryland vegetable crops also progressed. **There were 5.1 days suitable for field work.**

**Small grains** were beginning to develop and were reported in mostly good to excellent condition. **Barley** was rated 4 percent poor, 15 percent fair, 56 percent good, and 25 percent excellent. **Winter wheat** was rated 3 percent poor, 15 percent fair, 62 percent good, and 20 percent excellent.

**Pasture** was rated 14 percent poor, 18 percent fair, 43 percent good, and 25 percent excellent while **hay supplies** were rated 7 percent very short, 24 percent short, 66 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus.

### MARYLAND'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 24, 2005 (PERCENT)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average 2000-2004
<b>Planting Progress:</b>				
Cantaloups	13	5	15	10
Corn	6	7	15	14
Green Peas	62	43	83	75
Potatoes	60	47	44	60
Snap Beans	3	0	9	6
Sweet Corn	18	9	20	21
Tomatoes	27	20	27	20
Watermelons	9	7	5	7
<b>Fruit Crops Blooming:</b>				
Apples	15	5	38	45
Peaches	31	15	68	69
Strawberries	48	24	44	49

### SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 24, 2005 (PERCENT)

Condition	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil Moisture	-	11	82	7
Topsoil (2004)	-	4	75	21
Five Year Average	-	8	69	23
Subsoil Moisture	-	2	86	12
Subsoil (2004)	-	1	79	20
Five Year Average	5	13	67	15

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WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING APRIL 24, 2005

	Precipitation			Temperatures			
Weather Station	Total this week	Total Since Jan 1	Departure from Normal Since Jan 1	High	Low	Average	Departure from Normal
Maryland							
Baltimore/Washington Airport	0.33	13.11	1.13	86	41	62	8
Easton	0.87	17.39	4.03	88	33	60	4
Frederick	1.02	12.71	1.73	85	39	59	9
Frostburg	1.45	14.54	0.89	80	30	55	7
Hagerstown	1.04	9.84	-0.95	84	36	59	7
Mechanicsville	0.34	13.52	0.02	88	39	61	6
Patuxent River	0.43	12.86	0.88	88	46	64	8
Ocean City	0.13	13.66	-0.64	79	45	60	6
Salisbury	0.20	13.44	-0.38	87	35	60	5
Sharpsburg	1.04	12.17	1.19	85	31	58	8
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	0.60	12.57	1.84	86	43	64	6
Delaware							
Dover	0.39	13.83	0.94	86	45	62	7
Georgetown	0.16	11.66	-1.92	87	43	62	9
Wilmington	1.18	13.89	1.85	84	41	60	7

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